

Fr. Glenn's Pen

Happy New Year! Your pastor has not gone mad, but the Church's New year begins with Advent. The cry for the Christian in this time is Maranatha which means, "Come Lord Jesus!" We all need Jesus, our world is in disarray, we have leaders that have long abandoned Christian values throughout the world. There are demands to be "merciless" in confronting the great evil of the terrorists. We must respond! We have an obligation to protect the innocent, and sometimes the last resort is force. When that last resort comes, it is nonetheless a loss for humanity. We must not give into hate. A priest friend of mine lost his cousin in the terrorist attack in France, it is so easy to dismiss the evil when it is far away, but we as Christians are called to hope in the future, when Christ will restore all things.

Jesus has fulfilled God's promise to the Jewish people and He will return to draw all those who truly seek the truth to Himself. As Jeremiah states, "The Lord is our Justice", he will bring it to those who embrace the lie.

Truly as we prepare for Christmas, let us "Lift up our Soul", may we long to be guided in the truth and never be blinded by political ideology, rather left or right. May we be instruments of God's loving justice. May our love be perfected.

Paul reminds us to be open to God's desire for us to increase and abound in love for all, even our enemies. Only through a response to God's grace can this be so.

Luke reveals how Jesus was warning those around Him of the signs of the times. Terror will grip those who have no faith in Christ. The more perfect our faith, the more perfect our love will be! "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man!" Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus Come!